



City of Seat Pleasant

Interim City Manager

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The month of October produced the following positive results for the City:

- The city attorney and the city manger met and conferred on numerous occasions regarding the release documents for SPICE to sign which will determine the closure of the SPICE bank accounts and all associated corporations. The attorney is making the final revisions to the document which it is anticipated will be signed by the SPICE board of directors this week. The final bank statement indicated that the remaining funds in the account totaled \$208,000. Thus, this is the anticipated amount of the check that will be returned to the city. At issue was that SPICE wanted the city to agree to avoid any litigation against the board. The city attorney's legal advice and revisions includes a statement that if in the event the city determines any fraudulent activity, then litigation is on the table and a possibility.
- The Bond Bill that was withdrawn due to inquiries and concerns of the 24th Delegation and concerned citizens of Seat Pleasant, was returned to the October 6, 2021 agenda by the Board of Public Works. The \$250,000 bond bill was approved. The City Manager sent a thank you note to the bond sponsor, The Honorable Andrea Fletcher Harrison, Delegate of the 24th District for her support in this effort. Thank you will also be sent to Alexis Dukes, Grant Administrator for the regions of Baltimore Co, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Prince George's County for her support as well.
- The city is making progress on other fronts as well. Hopefully the council meeting on November 1, 2021, will result in a signed MOU with Community Housing Partners for potential development of the commercial district along the MLK corridor. The CHP are reviewing the latest revisions to this document.
- The City Council will also potentially review development proposals for the rebuilding of an apartment complex on Central Avenue across from the Central Avenue Metro Center. At issue of course is the impact of this development on traffic, displacement of local residents, etc.

- There have been numerous personnel issues resolved or continued during the past month through the services of Local Government Insurance Trust and the city attorney who continually advises the staff in these matters via phone consultation or Zoom meetings.
- The City Clerk continues to respond to an unprecedented number of PIA requests related to a host of issues concerning operations of the City Government.
- The EJD Director updated the City manager's office concerning numerous punch list items that seem to have been finally resolved. This includes but is not limited to the alarm system, leakages, first floor restroom at city hall, the elevator, the second- floor showers in the EJD building, the automatic door openers, all of which seem to be operating sufficiently.
- The public engagement office has coordinated a shredded event for the City in conjunction with Prince George's County Councilmember Rodney Streeter's office, as well as a food give-away in conjunction with the City of Hyattsville.
- The finance department is still diligently working on the FY2020 audit and streamlining vendor payables with ACH wires.

Last but certainly not least, the City of Seat Pleasant welcomes the newly appointed Leslie J. Parker-Blyther as the Acting City Manager on November 1, 2021, where the city council is expected to approve the appointment via Resolution. Ms. Blyther's bio appears in the November edition of the City Newsletter. She brings a wealth of information and experience to the City of Seat Pleasant family and is excited to begin this next journey in her career. She was the former Interim Director for the Criminal Justice Institute of Anne Arundel Community College. You can read the full bio via the newsletter or on the city's website www.seatpleasantmd.gov. Please welcome her and make her feel like family! A confirmation hearing and celebration will be scheduled at a future date determined by the City Council.